

## **Students from the Army Management Staff College reach out to the Boys and Girls Club**



**Young men of the Boys and Girl Club, during a discussion with students from AMSC Sem. 13**

FORT BELVOIR (ARMY MANAGEMENT STAFF COLLEGE, Nov 19, 2003) Building relationships and investing in the local community is vitally important to the sustaining base mission. Volunteers from the Sustaining Base Leadership Management Class 03-3, Seminar 13, recently put their learning into practice and teamed together to help bridge the gap between the Fort Belvoir Army Community and the local community. The volunteers decided to reach out to the Hopkins Branch of the Boys and Girls Club in downtown Washington, D. C. Tyrone Mahoney, branch manager, Hopkins Branch of the Boys and Girls Club expressed sincere appreciation to the Army and the AMSC students for supporting the community, especially his club. Mahoney said the Army has done a good job in the past and he was very appreciative of the efforts being made now.

During a visit to the center, a member of Seminar 13 overheard Mahoney expressing his desire to build new benches for the center. That concern was brought to the attention of other seminar members and, unhesitatingly, they rallied to support the "new bench" initiative. Mahoney was presented a donation to support his initiatives to improve the center. Kathleen Gonzalez, Community and Family Support Center, Falls Church, Va., and president of Seminar 13, presented the donation on behalf of AMSC, Seminar 13. Gonzalez believes that supporting the Boys & Girls Club is a worthy cause. Many people maybe unaware of the rich history of the organization, which dates back to 1860, when a group of women in Hartford,



**Kathleen Gonzalez, president of Seminar 13, presents a donation on behalf of AMSC, Seminar 13**

Conn., noticed large numbers of young boys roaming the streets. They believed if this continued the boys were prone to end up in trouble. They were determined to provide a positive alternative for the boys. Subsequently, the first club was opened. Throughout the years, the organization has broadened its vision to provide services to girls as well as boys and has undergone several name changes. AMSC is the Army's premier management college for Army leaders, both civilian and military. To learn more about our programs and services, please visit our web site at [www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil](http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil).

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